

1. (Currently Amended) A cable winder guide for winding cable, comprising:
 - a cylindrical drum having a cylindrical surface;
 - a shaft rotatably mounting said cylindrical drum;
 - a drive for rotating said cylindrical drum about said shaft;
 - a helical groove defined in said cylindrical surface for retrieving and releasing the cable upon rotation of said cylindrical drum; ~~and~~
 - ~~a cable retainer resiliently engaging the cable when the cable is located within said helical groove for maintaining said cable within said helical groove.~~
 - a cable retainer defining a substantially semi-cylindrical shape having a diameter greater than said drum diameter for maintaining said cable retainer distanced from said cylindrical drum; and
 - said cable retainer defining a shape having a diameter less than said drum diameter plus two cable diameters for resiliently engaging the cable when the cable is located within said helical groove for maintaining the cable within said helical groove.
2. (Original) A cable winder guide as set forth in Claim 1, wherein said helical groove has a depth, wherein said depth of groove in said drum is substantially greater than one half and less than three quarters cable diameter.
3. (Cancelled) A cable winder guide as set forth in Claim 1, wherein said cable retainer defines a substantially semi-cylindrical shape having a diameter greater than said drum diameter and less than said drum diameter plus two cable diameters.

4. (Original) A cable winder guide as set forth in Claim 1, wherein said cable retainer comprises a polymeric material.
5. (Original) A cable winder guide as set forth in Claim 1, wherein said cable retainer comprises a mixture of polyethylene and polypropylene material.
6. (Cancelled) A cable winder guide as set forth in Claim 1, wherein said helical groove has a depth, wherein said depth of groove in said drum is substantially greater than one half and less than three quarters cable diameters; and said cable retainer defines a substantially semi-cylindrical shape having a diameter greater than said drum diameter and less than said drum diameter plus two cable diameters.
7. (Currently Amended) A cable winder guide as set forth in Claim 1, wherein said cable retainer defines ~~a substantially semi-cylindrical shape having a diameter greater than said drum diameter and~~ a length substantially equal to said helical groove in said cylindrical surface of said drum.
8. (Currently Amended) A cable winder guide as set forth in Claim 1, wherein said helical groove has a depth, wherein said depth of groove in said drum is substantially greater than one half and less than three quarters cable diameters; and said cable retainer comprising a polymeric material, ~~and defines a substantially semi-cylindrical shape having a diameter greater than said drum diameter and less than said drum diameter~~

~~plus two cable diameters.~~

9. (Cancelled) A cable winder guide as set forth in Claim 1, wherein said cable retainer comprises a polymeric material and defines a substantially semi-cylindrical shape having a diameter greater than said drum diameter and less than said drum diameter plus two cable diameters.
10. (Currently Amended) A cable winder guide for winding cable, comprising:
- a cylindrical drum having a cylindrical surface;
 - a shaft rotatably mounting said cylindrical drum;
 - a drive for rotating said cylindrical drum about said shaft;
 - a helical groove defined in said cylindrical surface for retrieving and releasing the cable upon rotation of said cylindrical drum;
 - ~~a cable retainer resiliently engaging the cable when the cable is located within said helical groove for maintaining said cable within said helical groove; and~~
 - a cable retainer comprising a polymeric material;
- said cable retainer defining a substantially semi-cylindrical shape having a diameter greater than said drum diameter for maintaining said cable retainer distanced from said cylindrical drum; and
- said cable retainer defining a shape having a diameter less than said drum diameter plus two cable diameters for resiliently engaging the cable when the cable is located within said helical groove for maintaining the cable within said helical groove.

11. (Original) A cable winder guide as set forth in Claim 10 wherein said helical groove has a depth, wherein said depth of groove in said drum is substantially greater than one half and less than three quarters cable diameters.
12. (Cancelled) A cable winder guide as set forth in Claim 10, wherein said cable retainer defines a substantially semi-cylindrical shape having a diameter greater than said drum diameter and less than said drum diameter plus two cable diameters.
13. (Cancelled) A cable winder guide as set forth in Claim 10, wherein said helical groove has a depth, wherein said depth of groove in said drum is substantially greater than one half and less than three quarters cable diameters; and said cable retainer defines a substantially semi-cylindrical shape having a diameter greater than said drum diameter and less than said drum diameter plus two cable diameters.
14. (Currently Amended) A cable winder guide as set forth in Claim 10, wherein said cable retainer defines a ~~substantially semi-cylindrical shape having a diameter greater than said drum diameter and~~ a length substantially equal to said helical groove in said cylindrical surface of said drum.
15. (Cancelled) A cable winder guide as set forth in Claim 10, wherein said helical groove has a depth, wherein said depth of groove in said drum is substantially greater than one half and less than three quarters cable diameters; said cable retainer comprising a polymeric material; and said cable retainer defines a substantially semi-

cylindrical shape having a diameter greater than said drum diameter and less than said drum diameter plus two cable diameters.

16. (Original) A cable winder guide for winding cable, comprising:

a support member for supporting a first and a second journals;

a shaft rotatably engaging said first and second journals;

a cylindrical drum encircling said shaft and including a cylindrical surface;

a drive for rotating said cylindrical drum about said shaft;

a helical groove defined in said cylindrical surface for retrieving and releasing the cable upon rotation of said cylindrical drum;

~~said helical groove having a depth greater than one half and less than three quarters cable diameters;~~

a cable retainer secured to said support member and positioned between said cylindrical drum and said support member;

~~a cable retainer resiliently engaging the cable when the cable is located within said helical groove for maintaining said cable within said helical groove; and~~

~~said cable retainer defining a substantially semi-cylindrical shape having a diameter greater than said drum diameter and less than said drum diameter plus two cable diameters;~~

said cable retainer defining a substantially semi-cylindrical shape having a diameter greater than said drum diameter for maintaining said cable retainer distanced from said cylindrical drum; and

said cable retainer defining a shape having a diameter less than said drum diameter plus two cable diameters for resiliently engaging the cable when the cable is located within said helical groove for maintaining the cable within said helical groove.

17. (Original) A cable winder guide as set forth in Claim 16, wherein said cable retainer comprises a polymeric material.
18. (Original) A cable winder guide as set forth in Claim 16, wherein said cable retainer comprises a polyethylene and polypropylene mixture material.
19. (Original) A cable winder guide as set forth in Claim 16, wherein said cable retainer defines a substantially semi-cylindrical shape having a diameter greater than said drum diameter and a length substantially equal to said helical groove in said cylindrical surface of said drum.